

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

The Offset

February 2019

President's Message



I'd like to say a Big Welcome to all our new members!

We had a great turn out for our January meeting! Thank you to Mike for the Cold Hardy program. It would be great if we all could put together a list of cactus and succulent that we have all grown outdoors here that has survived and grown well.

Robert had a nice list when he gave his program last year. Maybe that list could be combined and used for a handout at our next show and sale? Someone want to work on that?

We had our COCSS Board meeting on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Will Rogers Exhibition Center in the small meeting room from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Things we covered were programs, fieldtrips and started working on some changes for our Annual Show and Sale. All members are Welcome to come and participate!!! We really need your HELP to make this a Great Year for our club!!!!

If any of you need help with your plants or question about the club please contact me at Cactibud@cox.net or call 405-737-1831.

Let's make this a Great Year!

Joyce Hochtritt, COCSS President

-Next Meeting-

January 21st @ 7pm

Will Rogers Garden Center

'I Love My...'

Presented by Club Members!

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image by Wil Oats - Aloe castilloniae



February Meeting... "I Love my..."

In honor of Valentine's day we're doing something special for the meeting this month. It is brought to you by YOU, the club members.

You are encouraged to bring something that you can show the club and tell them about. Do you have a favorite tool you use? Maybe there's some sort of hack that you've figured out that you want to share with others.

I remember the first time I saw a friend of mine repotting some large root bound plants. She took a long old knife, stuck it in the pot around the edges and sawed around the outside. The plant popped out with ease, I was astounded.

Many of us have been doing this for years and little things that we do all the time could be great information for new members and old members a like!

It doesn't HAVE to be a tool either. Maybe you have a plant in your collection that everytime you enter your greenhouse or that room of all your plants it's the first one you look at. WE'D LOVE TO SEE IT.

If you love it... we want to know why.

Useful Websites / Blogs:

www.oklahomacactus.com

www.cactiguide.com

www.succulentsandmore.com



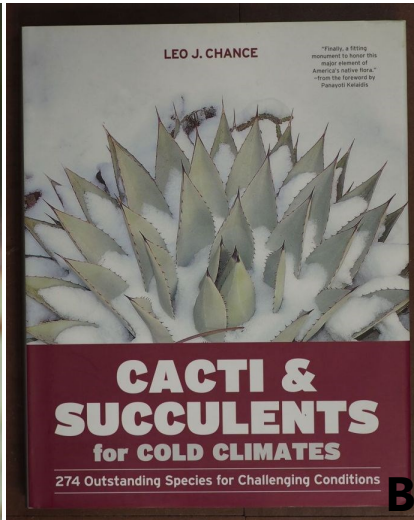
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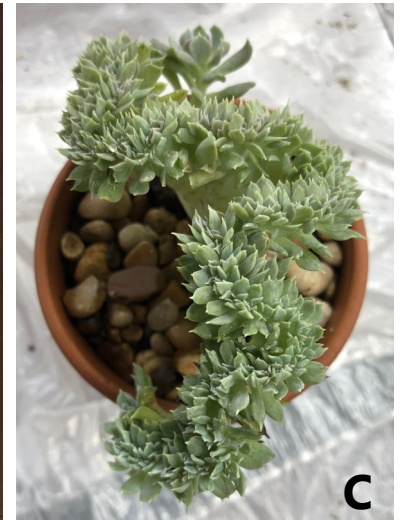
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COCSS' BOARD MEETING'S MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 2:06pm with 12 present.

-Joyce began the meeting by reading a statement regarding the vendors who have been invited to participate in the 2019 Show/Sale. Vender's invited/confirmed to attend: Rio Grande; Brad Harris; Claret Cup Ranch; J&J; & Carol Wichern (pottery). Chaos Cactus will no longer be a vendor for COCSS shows/sales.

-Gayle & Rosario discussed possible field trips. A passenger van can be rented for \$100/day if needed for trips.

- - Tulsa Botanical Garden - possibly in September?

- - Wichita Mountains - tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 25th (date may change depending on weather/bloom time).

-Robert will replace Joyce in doing the program for the March 2019 meeting.

-Festival In The Park (May 18th) - COCSS will pay \$55 for a shaded table/booth; Will bring up at next monthly meeting for volunteers.

-OKC Garden Festival @ Myriad Botanical Gardens May 11th - Rosario & Gayle will check on details.

-Show/Sale flyers are available for download/print on the COCSS web-site; Rosario will make copies for up-coming events.

-2019 Show/Sale:

-Professional vendors will be expected to use bar codes at this year's show/sale. Wil & Gale will research code scanner/registers/tablets and compare rental versus purchase of equipment for check-out area. Non-professional club members who wish to sell items may continue using the colored-dot stickers for prices.

-Robert is working on a new show/sale floor-plan and will check on possibly renting some tables for the show/sale.

-COCSS members will be asked to bring garden carts/wagons to the show/sale to help with moving plants to customers' vehicles.

-Wil has volunteered to do the Peoples' Choice Award.

-Matt has volunteered to be the Show Chairman, with assistance from Wil; Robert will order trophies/ribbons.

-COCSS members will be used as "home-grown" judges for the judged show.

-Jim Hochtritt has volunteered to take care of lunch for both days of the show/sale (Saturday - Panera; Sunday - Hideaway Pizza).

-We will need some members to bring ice chests & ice for the bottled water.

-Regarding the Raffle, it is hoped that Sarah will do the raffle announcements with assist from Mike. The club has some plants for raffle in the WR greenhouse.

-Wil reports that he is working on collecting boxes.

-Members are asked to prepare bags of soil/top dressing to be sold at the show/sale.

COCSS' BOARD MEETING'S MINUTES

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Other topics discussed:

- The club will look into purchasing a collapsible canopy for use at out-door events.
- Speaker for October meeting: Jimmy Black, President of the San Antonio Club.
- Speaker for November meeting: Adam Sarmiento, Gardening with Oklahoma Natives.
- Gayle & Rosario are checking into having more t-shirts made for sell.
- Robert presented receipts for plants purchased for Phase I of the WR Cold-Hardy Cactus & Succulent Bed (total of \$170.00)
- Robert will contact/meet with Jim at WRGC on beginning Phase II.
- Refreshments for monthly meetings - if a member wants to bring refreshments, that is perfectly fine; no snack schedule will be followed.



Image by Mike Douglas

Member Stephen Sisco's pictures of his *Billbergia chlorosticta* coming into bloom.



JANUARY COCSS' MEETING'S MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Joyce at 7pm with 27 present.

Joyce welcomed guests and visitors. Minutes of November 2018 mtg approved & seconded. Treasurer reported a club bank balance of \$13,673.85. No membership report available as Peggy was not able to attend. Matt reported that the library had received a new journal. Board meeting scheduled for February 9th, 2pm at WRGC. Rosario reported that the COCSS FB page now has over 1000 followers. April 9th, Fred will be giving a talk at the Choctaw Library. The Myriad GardenFest is scheduled for May 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Central Oklahoma Cactus & Succulent Society

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- Feb 21** 'I Love My...' - Robert Millison & Members
- Mar 21** 'Soils, Repotting & Staging' - Joyce Hochritt
- Apr 5-6** Springfest @ Woodward Park, Tulsa OK
9am - 4pm
- Apr 13** [Herbal Affair & Festival](#) @ Sand Springs, OK
8am - 4pm
- Apr 27** [Herb N' Plant Festival](#) @ Jenks Ok
8am - 4pm
- Apr 18** 'How to: Plant Judging' - Joyce Hochritt
'Getting Ready for the Show n Sale' - Joyce Hochritt
- May 16** 'For The Mammaries' - Gayle Snider
'Getting Ready for the Show n Sale' - Joyce Hochritt
- May 11** [OKC Garden Festival](#) @ Myriad Gardens, OKC, OK
- May 18** Garden Festival in the Park @ Will Rogers Gardens, OKC, OK
- May 18** Open House @ J & J Cactus and Succulents
8am - 12pm
- Jun 7** PreShow Setup for COCSS Show n Sale
- 8** Annual Show n Sale
- 9** Annual Show n Sale
- Jul 18** 'Photographing Your Plants' - TBD
- Aug 15** Dish Garden Workshop
presented by: J & J Cactus & Succulents
- Sep 19** Annual Picnic
- Oct 17** Speaker (pending)
- Nov 21** Speaker (pending)
- Dec ?** Club Xmas Party (date pending)

Meetings are @ WRG @ 7pm unless otherwise noted.

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